

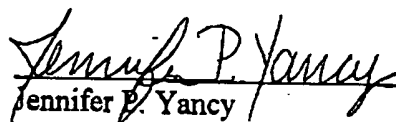
REMARKS

Original claims 1-15 and amended claims 1-11 as received by the PCT branch on 8/31/2001 have been canceled in favor of new claims 12-22. These newly presented claims are similar to the claims added to the PCT application and have been written in a form more in accordance with U.S. practice and eliminating multiply dependent claims.

A suitable Abstract of the Disclosure has been added. This is generally similar to the Abstract set forth in the published application WO 01/16385. No new matter is being added.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the application on its merits, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee is respectfully requested.

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